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This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 17, 2006 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before October 17, 2006. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the amendments set forth below raise no new issues. Rather, the amendments place the claims in form for allowance or in better form for appeal. Entry of these amendments is thus respectfully requested.